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1. On 11 December 1950, at noon, jet plane _____ was on the runway of the Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield. The pilot opened the cabin hood to the front and entered the cockpit while a soldier kept the hood open and then closed it again. (1) Then the plane took off and headed west. Truck _____ was parked near the new guardhouse on Bornwegstrasse. 25X1
2. There was intensive flying with jet aircraft on the night of 12 December. (2)
3. On 18 December, eight jet aircraft were parked on the southern edge of the field. _____ (3) Trucks _____ were parked nearby. 25X1
4. On 19 December it snowed at the field. The snow was about 30 cm deep. It was not removed from the runways on the following days but melted in the beginning of January. There was no flying at the field until 3 January.
5. A Soviet officer's wife said on 21 December that her husband and two other air force officers were sent to the U.S.S.R. for a few months. Another officer's wife said that on 10 January she was to be transferred with her husband to Dresden (N 52/F 22).
6. On 24 December, _____ several officers would be transferred to Moscow on 7 January. However, all ten officers with their dependents were still at the field on 18 January. It was then rumored that they were to be transferred on 21 January. 25X1
7. On 4 January, there was only some slush on the runway. Two jet aircraft took off from the field at about 11 a.m.
8. On 6 January, eight jet aircraft were parked on the southeastern edge of the field. _____ (3) The other two planes were the same size and shape. They were painted grey. Trucks _____ 25X1

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hauled coal to the field.

9. A jet plane coming from the southeast turned over and crashed when landing on the large runway on 10 January. The pilot was killed immediately. (4)
 10. There was no flying at the field on 17 January. Eight jet aircraft were parked at the field. (3)
 11. A hut which was painted blue was being erected between the large and the small hangars at the field. A trench, about 1 meter deep, was being dug across the field starting from the main guardhouse on Elsterwerdaer Strasse to the large hangar. A cable was probably to be laid in the trench which was still open on 19 January. On 17 January a new temporary building was seen near the searchlight, 500 meters east of the field and 150 meters north of the railroad line.
- Comments.
- (1) A previous report from the Dessau airfield indicated that there were planes whose cabin roofs slid to the rear.
 - (2) According to a previous report, night flights were last observed at the Grossenhain airfield on 11 October 1950. The airfield is believed to have facilities for night flying.
 - (3) It is believed that the Grossenhain airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments, equipped with MiG-19s. The eight aircraft which were observed several times are probably stand-by planes.
 - (4) The last crashes were reported in August/September 1950.

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